

Is Healing God's Will? (Matthew 7:28-8:4)

Jesus Our Healer – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – May 19, 2013
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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Matthew 4:23 (NIV) *Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

Matthew 4:24 (NIV) *News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.*

Matthew 4:25 (NIV) *Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.*

John 14:12 (NIV) *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing [miracles]. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

1. Be _____ at God's Word

Matthew 7:28 (NIV) *When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,*

A. Take God's Word as your _____

Matthew 7:29 (NIV) *because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*

B. _____ Jesus through God's Word

Matthew 8:1 (NIV) *When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.*

2. Kneel and _____ Jesus

Matthew 8:2 (NIV) *A man with leprosy came and knelt before him ...*

A. Acknowledge Jesus as _____

Matthew 8:2 (NIV) *A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, ...*

B. Believe Jesus can _____ you

Matthew 8:2 (NIV) *A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."*

3. Accept Jesus' healing _____

Matthew 8:3 (NIV) *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man ...*

A. Believe Jesus _____ heal you

Matthew 8:3 (NIV) *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said.*

B. Receive your healing from _____

Matthew 8:3 (NIV) *Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.*

C. _____ others about your healing

Matthew 8:4 (NIV) *Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."*

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Intro. What is the primary purpose of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17)? Why is simply knowing the Bible insufficient?

Describe the two main elements of Jesus' ministry (Matthew 4:23-25)? How are those two elements related?

What is the purpose of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' healing people (John 14:12)?

1A. Are you amazed at God's Word (Matthew 7:28)? Why or why not?

1B. What does it mean to take God's Word as your authority (Matthew 7:29)?

1C. What role do you believe the Bible plays in receiving God's healing for your life?

2A. How does worship of Jesus flow from learning His Word (Matthew 8:2a)?

2B. What did the leper believe about healing (Matthew 8:2b)? In what area was he struggling to believe?

2C. Why do you think it is difficult for many to believe that God still works miracles of healing today? How would you explain what the Bible teaches to them?

3A. Why do you think that laying hands on the sick is often seen in the Bible (Matthew 8:3a)?

3B. In what way does Jesus' answer to the leper answer the message title question (Matthew 8:3b)?

3C. What was the one thing that hindered Jesus' healing ministry (Matthew 13:58)?

3D. Who can you invite to church for this series that is in need of healing? Pray for them.